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# NEWSLETTER

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## Mission Statement:

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization encouraging informed and active participation in government. It influences public policy through education and advocacy.

## Voters Candidate Forum

The Alpena County Voters Candidate Forum was held July 11, and there are three more upcoming:

**July 17, Tuesday, Presque Isle County Voters Forum**, Rogers City Theatre, 257 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Rogers City, 7-9 pm, Chair— Rachel Goodstein - to volunteer contact [ragoodstein@hotmail.com](mailto:ragoodstein@hotmail.com)

**July 19, Thursday, Alcona County Voters Forum**, Alcona Senior Center at Lincoln, 207 Church St., Lincoln, 7-9 pm - Candidates invited--Alcona Co. 1<sup>st</sup> District, Alcona Co. 4<sup>th</sup> District, Mayor of Harrisville, Caledonia Twp. Supervisor, Caledonia Twp. Trustee. Ballot Proposals will be read. Moderator—Gary Medland, Chair—Carolyn & Gary Medland. To volunteer contact Medlands [pkcgmedl@gmail.com](mailto:pkcgmedl@gmail.com)

**July 24, Alpena Millage Issues Panel**, ACC Room 106, 6-8 pm - ACC Millage & Recreation Millage Issues Advocacy Panel. Panel members include Max Lindsay, ACC & Mark Kinney, Plaza Pool .Chair— Pauline Buchner - To volunteer contact [pbuchner@charter.net](mailto:pbuchner@charter.net)



## Calendar of Events

**July 17, Tuesday, 7-9 pm - Presque Isle County Voters Forum**, Rogers City Theatre, 257 N. 3rd St., Rogers City.

**July 18, Wednesday, 6 pm - Relay For Life Trivia Night Fundraiser**, Alpena Fletcher Library. Public welcome, \$5 donation at door. (Not a LWV sponsored event.)

**July 19, Thursday, 7-9 pm - Alcona County Voters Forum**, Alcona Senior Center, 207 Church St., Lincoln.

**July 20, Friday, noon - Lunch Bunch**, The Portage, 5529 E Grand Lake Rd, Presque Isle. There will be car pooling available from the Duck Park parking lot at 11:15.

**July 24, Tuesday, 6-8 pm - Alpena Millage Issues Panel Discussion** - ACC, Room CTR 106.

**August 17, Friday, noon - Lunch Bunch**, Austin Brothers, 821 W Miller St, Alpena.

**September 8, 1pm - Saturday Book Club** at Blue Phoenix Books, Alpena. Book title TBA.

## WEBSITE and FACEBOOK

You may have noticed the URL on the Newsletter's banner. It's been there for years! Now is a good time to actually take a peek. Our website has been fully updated, and is full of useful information. You can access this Newsletter from there, as well as the Calendar of upcoming events.

If you haven't already "liked" our Facebook page, please do so. Timely information shows up there, including Action Alerts and event reminders. And, because it is Facebook, there are opportunities to voice opinions and set the record straight!

## Saturday Book Club

Help choose the next book for discussion, scheduled for Sept. 8, at 1:00. Click on this link, or copy and paste it into your browser to participate in this decision.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/C3VGCMQ>

The choices listed so far are:

- **All We Ever Wanted: A Novel** by Emily Giffin
- **What You Should Know About Politics . . . But Don't: A Nonpartisan Guide to the Issues That Matter** by Jessamyn Conrad and Naomi Wolf
- **Octavia's Brood: Science Fiction Stories from Social Justice Movements** by [Walidah Imarisha](#)
- **The Woman Who Smashed Codes** by Jason Fagone
- **My Life, My Love, My Legacy** by Coretta Scott King
- **What The Eyes Don't See: A Story of Crisis, Resistance, and Hope in an American City**, by Mona Hanna-Attisha





## Promote the Vote

Over 430,000 signatures were handed in to put LWV of Michigan's proposal to codify more accessible voting practices on the ballot this November. There are 25 LWV chapters in Michigan, and we were 17th in the number of signatures collected. Not too shabby, when you consider how small we are! Good work, all! Special thanks for Bob Kennedy for heading up and organizing this effort!

Promote the Vote supporters hold a press conference ahead of turning ballot petition signatures to the Secretary of State in Lansing Monday, July 9, 2018. The group say they collected more than 430,000 signatures for their petition, which would amend the state Constitution to include several changes to Michigan election laws. Lauren Gibbons | MLive

## Membership

Welcome to newest member, Linda Ludington, from Ocqueoc! We look forward to getting to know you better.

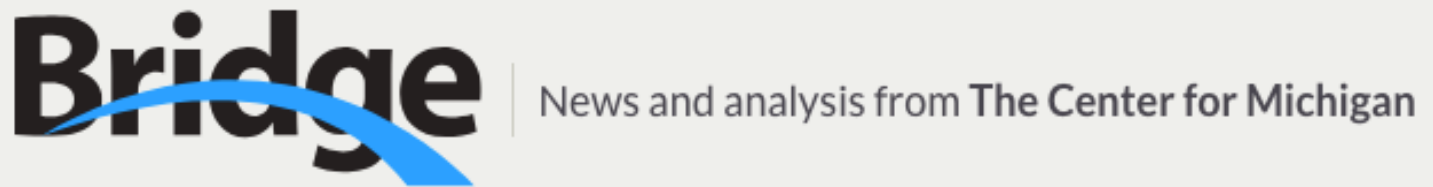
### VOTE411 IS NOW LIVE!

VOTE411 is now live! August 7th is Michigan's Primary election. A voter can cast votes for candidates in only one political party - no cross-overs. (In the general election in November, cross-overs are allowed). To help you navigate your ballot, [click here to link to the League of Women Voters' on-line Voter Guide](#) for the Michigan Primary. Type in your voting address, and then click the green bar, 'Get Personalized Information'. You'll see all the races on your primary ballot: Governor, US Senate and House, Michigan Senate and House, County Commissioners and other local races as well as any proposals. VOTE411 can help you be a smart voter on August 7th!



Vote411 is complete for Alpena and Alcona Counties. Some candidates have not submitted replies yet. If you are looking for a candidate's information and the website says, "Candidate did not reply," please contact their campaign and encourage them to do so! Local candidate info is not available for Presque Isle County, but you can get a copy of your ballot at [sos.state.mi.us](http://sos.state.mi.us) - you will need to enter your township and our precinct number, or birth date and driver license number. Absentee ballots are available now at your township Clerk's office.

Thank you to Marcia Aten and Tammy Veasy who entered all the information for those counties!



## **Announcing the 2018 Michigan Truth Tour - Get the facts, get engaged.**

<https://www.bridgemi.com/center-michigan/announcing-2018-michigan-truth-tour-get-facts-get-engaged>

On September 13, 2018, the Truth Tour is coming to Alpena! At 7 PM in the Granum Theater at ACC, the nonprofit, nonpartisan Bridge Magazine will be presenting “What is Good Government?”, followed by a Community Conversation. Participation will be available using “clickers” to answer discussion-related questions. There is no charge for this event.

## **Relay for Life Trivia Fundraiser**

July 18, 2018, there will be a Trivia Night fundraiser for Relay for Life, in the Fletcher Library, upstairs. This is not a League-sponsored event, however a number of LWV Alpena County members plan to attend as a team. The cost is \$5 donation, and the public is welcome. The game starts at 6:30, but entrants should show up at 6 pm. Please come join our team!

### **Letters to the Editor**

There are many topics about which the League of Women Voters of Alpena should be submitting Letters to the Editor. If you would like to help with this endeavor, please let Dottie know!